

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE as follows:

An image forming apparatus has a cleaning blade adapted to scrape off the residual toner adhering to the surface of the image carrier, a brush arranged upstream relative to the cleaning blade in the direction of revolution of the image carrier and adapted to apply solid lubricant to the surface of the image carrier, and a support member that supports a piece of solid lubricant and adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement and to cause the solid lubricant to come into contact with the brush due to the generated ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the last paragraph of page 4 as follows:

The cleaning blade is adapted to scrape off the residual toner adhering to the surface of the image carrier. The brush is arranged upstream relative to the cleaning blade in the sense of revolution of the image carrier and adapted to apply solid lubricant to the surface of the image carrier. The support member revolvably supports the solid lubricant and adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement, and also adapted to cause the solid lubricant to come into contact with the brush due to the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the second paragraph of page 5 as follows:

Additionally, since the support member supporting the solid lubricant is adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement, it is possible to keep the solid lubricant contacting with the brush under predetermined contact pressure due to the ~~moment~~ movement and prevent the solid lubricant from moving randomly and jumping up and down in response to the rotary movement

of the brush. Thus, solid lubricant can be supplied on a stable basis for a prolonged period of time due to the predetermined constant contact pressure.

Please amend the second paragraph from the bottom of page 5 as follows:

Also, the support member may include a plate-shaped support section that supports the solid lubricant and a rotating shaft. The rotating shaft is supported by the support section and provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the last paragraph of page 5 as follows:

Further, the support member may support the solid lubricant, so that the solid lubricant is arranged upstream in the direction of gravity of the brush and comes into contact with the brush due to the ~~moment~~ movement generated by the weight of both of the support member and the solid lubricant themselves.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 5 of page 6 as follows:

The support member may support the solid lubricant and have a hole provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement. The hole in this case receives and revolvably supports the rotating shaft.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 9 of page 6 as follows:

The support member may be provided with a twisted coil spring in order to increase the ~~moment~~ movement and to apply predetermined constant contact pressure.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 3 of page 7 as follows:

Additionally, since the support member supporting the solid lubricant is adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement, it is possible to keep the solid lubricant contacting with the brush under predetermined contact pressure due to the ~~moment~~ movement and prevent the solid lubricant from moving randomly and jumping up and down in response to the rotary movement of the brush. Thus, solid lubricant can be supplied on a stable basis for a prolonged period of time due to the predetermined constant contact pressure.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 17 of page 7 as follows:

The cleaning part scrapes off the residual toner adhering to the surface of the image carrier. The lubricant-applying part is arranged upstream relative to the cleaning part in the direction of revolution of the image carrier, and applies solid lubricant to the surface of the image carrier. The supporting part revolvably supports the solid lubricant and is adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement, and also supports the solid lubricant to come into contact with the lubricant-applying part due to the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the first paragraph of page 8 as follows:

Also, the supporting part may have a plate-shaped support section that supports the solid lubricant and a rotating shaft that is supported by the support section and provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the second paragraph of page 8 as follows:

The supporting part may support the solid lubricant so that the solid lubricant is arranged upstream in the direction of gravity of the lubricant-applying part and comes into contact with the lubricant-applying part due to the ~~moment~~ movement generated by the weight of both of the supporting part and the solid lubricant themselves.

Please amend the third paragraph of page 8 as follows:

The supporting part may also support the solid lubricant and include a hole provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement. The hole in this case receives and revolvably supports a rotating shaft.

Please amend the first paragraph of page 9 as follows:

Also, the support section may include a plate-shaped support section that supports the solid lubricant and a rotating shaft being supported by the support section and provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the second paragraph of page 9 as follows:

The support section may support the solid lubricant to be arranged upstream in the direction of gravity of the brush section, and support the solid lubricant to come into contact with the brush section due to the ~~moment~~ movement generated by the weight of both of the support section and the solid lubricant themselves.

Please amend the third paragraph of page 9 as follows:

The support section may further support the solid lubricant and include a hole being provided at a position for causing the solid lubricant to generate the ~~moment~~ movement. The hole in this case receives and revolvably supports a rotating shaft.

Please amend the fourth paragraph of page 9 as follows:

It is also acceptable that the support section is provided with a section to increase the ~~moment~~ movement.

Please amend the second paragraph from the bottom of page 12 as follows:

With the above described arrangement, ~~moment~~ movement M is generated around the rotating shaft 55b due to the weight of the support section and that of the solid lubricant 53 so that consequently the solid lubricant 53 is brought into contact with the rotary brush 51 under certain pressure. Since the pressure applied to the rotary brush 51 changes as a function of the weight of the support section 55a and that of the solid lubricant 53, the contact pressure of the solid lubricant 53 relative to the rotary brush 51 can be held to a predetermined level by appropriately selecting the weights.

Please amend the last paragraph of page 13 as follows:

Additionally, since the support member 55 supporting the solid lubricant is adapted to generate ~~moment~~ movement around the rotating shaft 55b by the weight of the support member 55 and the solid lubricant 53 themselves, it is possible to keep the solid lubricant 53 contacting

with the rotary brush 51 under predetermined contact pressure due to the ~~moment~~ movement and prevent the solid lubricant 53 from moving randomly and jumping up and down in response to the rotary movement of the rotary brush 51. Thus, solid lubricant 53 can be supplied on a stable basis for a prolonged period of time due to the constant extent of nip. This advantage of stably supply is particularly remarkable when supplying solid lubricant 53 at a high rate.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 6 of page 14 as follows:

When the contact pressure of the solid lubricant 53 relative to the rotary brush 51 needs to be high, the rotating shaft 55b of the support member 55 may be provided with a twisted coil spring 56 to structurally increase the ~~moment~~ movement M as shown in FIG. 3.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 10 of page 14 as follows:

As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, the ~~moment~~ movement M can also be raised by providing a press spring 57 that presses the support section 55a of the support member 55 downward from above.

Please amend the paragraph starting from line 13 of page 14 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 3, the ~~moment~~ movement M can also be increased by fitting one or more than one weights 58 onto the support section 55a of the support member 55.